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To M/s Grant & Vallum Tea Co

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DEPARTMENT OF SERICULTURE.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR R... & LAW
20 OCT 1943
No. 2400

Office of the Special Officer,
Filature Expansion Scheme,
No. 162, Vani Vilas Road,
Basavangudi P.O., dated, 18th Oct.1943.

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To

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The President,
Vellum Parachute Silk Co.,Ltd.,
Goribidnur.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter dated 16th instant. I note below the action taken on each of the points raised by you:-

1. Purchase of cocoons. The Market Officer himself does not fix the renditta. He is assisted by a Committee of experienced people. You have not posted a representative of your filature to serve on the Committee so far. The renditta is fixed by the Committee within a couple of hours of the cocoons coming in as the sericulturists cannot be made to wait. There is provision for arbitration also. I have instructed the Assistant Controllers and the Superintendent of Sericulture to pay surprise visits to the Cocoon Markets, to be present at the time of grading and to see that as far as possible the renidtta is fixed with reference to the quality of cocoons. There is bound to be a slight variation in the renditta fixed from the actual renditta as a good deal depends upon the treatment of cocoons during transport, handling, storing, cooking and reeling.

2. Double cocoons. The rearers do not mix up double cocoons. The double cocoons are there in the case of the cross-breeds as it is a racial characteristic. The percentage of double cocoons is being gradually reduced by educating the sericulturists in re. mounting.

3. Transport facilities. The question is under active consideration of Government. The Director-General of Supplies has been personally apprised of the urgency. You had assured that you had about seven lorries for use in this connection. One new lorry has also been given to you under lease-lend arrangements. Arrangements had been made to supply you tyres and tubes required for all your lorries and trailers. I hope the lorries will be put into use.

4. Supply of electric power. The Electric Department has been changing the transmission line to enable more power being supplied to your filature at Goribidnur. The General Superintendent, Cauvery Power Scheme, has stated that he would give you what all power you need for your immediate work. I am apprising him of your difficulties for needful action.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-. H.S. Govinda Rao,
Special Officer.

Copy of the above together with copy of letter of the President, Vellum Parachute Silk Co.,Ltd., is submitted with to the Chief Secretary to Government, Bangalore, for information.

Special Officer.

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We have to inf[illegible] in accordance with the Government scheme of filat[illegible] expansion scheme, in the State, we have brought our [illegible] at Yeswantapur to a working conditi and manufacture of [illegible] silk is going on apace. At Goribidnur, where the [illegible]stry is to be developed on a large scale, the construct[illegible] of the factory, office and quarters, in lation of the basins [illegible] all machinery fittings and other allied works are be[illegible]rushed through vigorously with a view to start regular manufacture of silk at a very early date.

As you are aware, the venture entails an outlay of more than Rs.ten lakhs and is primarily intended to promote war effort. But even in the intial stages of the work, we have experienced great difficulties and quite a crop of handicaps of various kinds have come to the fore which require immediate consideration at the hands of the Government to save us from loss. We enumerate these difficulties below:-

1. Purchase of Cocoons: In this matter the Marketing Off has not been helpful to us. He fixes the Rendita of cocoons without any regard to our represen tions and we are required to buy on the basis fixed by him. F our experience we have found that this rendita fixation by the Marketing Officer has proved unreliable in every case with the result that we are losing 2 to 2.1/2 units in his respect. Th Market Officer who is after all a minor official, should not, w think, be clothed with authority to fix the rendita before hand Our representatives, who are well experienced in the line shoul have the option to fix the rendita themselves. In such a case the Market Officer can keep a record of the cocoon sellers and rendita fixed by us for each lot. When the factory result of processing is obtained, if the rendita originally fixed by us i found to be more favourable to the cocoon sellers, we shall be prepared to pay any difference in value.

2. Double Cocoons: In the course of our cocoons purachse have found that quite a large quanti of double cocoons have been mixed up by the sellers and the Marketing Officer has not been helpful to us in reducing this variety in all the purchases arranged by him. Double cocoons are not suitable for our work. A large accumulation of this n only involves extra labour for sorting, but is also a positive source of loss for us. Relief in both the above directions is urgently necessary if needless loss is to be avoided. We comm this for your consideration.

3. Transport difficulties: We confirm our telegram sent you on yesterday as follows:

"Filex Bangalore - REFERENCE MY TELEGRAM FIRST WORK STOPPED FOR WANT OF TRANSPORT. PLEASE DO NEEDFUL - SUNDARAMURTHY".

We have already made various representations on the urgent necessity of providing us with lorries for transport purposes. For transport of cocoons, fuel, materilas, etc., over long distances between Bangalore, Yeswantapur, Goribidnur and the several cocoon purchasing centres, extra lorries are absolutely essential to ensure quick despatch of goods. This has urgentl to be provided for. Only a satisfactory disposal of this vexe question can enable us to push on vigourously with our work and thus avoid loss to us.

4. Supply of Electric Power: Though we applied for electr power supply to our factory Goribidnur in March 1943 alone, we have not been able to get th same till now. What we now have is only power for lighting th

the premises. The further wor[redacted]
lines has not yet been complete[redacted] department.
This is an additional loss to us. [redacted] that we hav
to train quite a large number of [redacted] a full compl
of expert trainees to carry on ful[redacted]. Without s
of power to the factory, this train[redacted] cannot be
developed with advantage. We are [redacted] to the necessit
of employing manual labour to turn [redacted] of machinery
and thus work the basins for the tra[redacted]. In the entire
future work depends upon power supply [redacted] without which we are n
incurring heavy loss) necessary urgent [redacted] has to be taken
in the matter.

In view of the large initial outla[redacted] and the larger turn-
over of over Rs.70 lakhs per annum whic[redacted] the scheme on comple
will yield, it is essential that diffic[redacted]ies now met with sh
be remedied atonce, as otherwise, we sha[redacted] be faced with heav
loss [redacted] alround. After having embarked on this industry
primarily for the promotion of war effort, we should not be l
in the lurch without adequate facilities to carry on the work
to a success.

We have therefore to request you to afford us suitable
reliefs in these matters lest we should lag behind in our prod
tion and incur heavy loss.

We also request you to place this matter before the
minister for his information. Thanking you.

Yours faithfully

Sd/- V.SUNDARAMURTHY
President.